

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

### **Listing of Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A processing method for use in the operation of a storage managing server that is connected to a storage device and a storage managing terminal,

wherein the storage managing server receives a first request issued from said storage managing terminal ~~and for~~ executing the processing of the storage managing server, and a second request for executing processing including the communication of constructional information of said storage device between said storage device and the storage managing server, and

wherein the storage managing server starts processing with respect to said second request before the storage managing server transmits a response to said first request to said storage managing terminal.

2. (currently amended) The processing method ~~of the storage managing server~~ according to claim 1, wherein said first request is a login request from said storage managing terminal to the storage managing server.

3. (currently amended) A storage managing server connected to a

storage device and a storage managing terminal,

wherein the storage managing server performs first processing which is executed in response to a first request from said storage managing terminal, and second processing ~~for executing processing~~ which is executed in response to a second request from said storage managing terminal, and includes the communication of constructional information of said storage device between said storage device and the storage managing server, and

the storage managing server starts said second processing ~~in accordance~~ with respect to said first processing second request before the response to said storage managing terminal in response to said first request.

4. (currently amended) The storage managing server according to claim 3, wherein said first processing ~~is~~ includes the ~~download~~ downloading of a manager program for operating the constructional information of said storage device.

5. (currently amended) A processing method for use in the operation of a storage managing terminal that is connected to a storage managing server which is connected to a storage device,

wherein a first request for executing ~~the~~ processing of said storage managing server with respect to said storage managing server, and a second request for executing processing, including the communication of constructional information of said storage device between said storage device and said storage managing server, are made such that said second request is made in accordance

with said first request before a response from said storage managing server is made.

6. (currently amended) The processing method ~~of the storage managing terminal~~ according to claim 5, wherein said first request is a login request.

7. (currently amended) A storage managing terminal connected to a storage managing server which is connected to a storage device,

wherein the storage managing terminal performs transmission processing for ~~making~~ sending a first request ~~toward~~ to said storage managing server, and a second request for executing processing which is executed in response to the second request ~~toward~~ to said storage managing server, and includes the communication of constructional information of said storage device between said storage device and said storage managing server, and

said second transmission processing is performed in accordance with said first request before the response from said storage managing server is made.

8. (original) The storage managing terminal according to claim 7, wherein said first request is a login request.

9. (currently amended) A processing method of a storage managing system constructed by a storage managing server connected to a storage device, and a storage managing terminal connected to the storage managing server,

wherein said storage managing terminal issues a first request for executing ~~the processing~~ of the storage managing server and a second request for executing processing including the communication of constructional information of said storage device between said storage device and said storage managing server, to said storage managing server, and upon said storage managing server receiving the first and second requests, it starts processing with respect to said second request before a response to said first request is transmitted to said storage managing terminal.

10. (original) The processing method of the storage managing system according to claim 9, wherein said first request is a login request.

11. (currently amended) A storage managing system constructed by a storage managing server connected to a storage device, and a storage managing terminal connected to the storage managing server,

wherein said storage managing terminal performs transmission processing for ~~making~~ sending a first request ~~toward~~ to said storage managing server, and a second request for executing processing, including the communication of constructional information of said storage device by said storage managing server between said storage device and said storage managing server,

said storage managing server performs first processing executed in response to the first request from said storage managing terminal, and second processing ~~for executing processing~~ which is executed in response to the second request from said storage managing terminal, and includes the communication of

the constructional information of said storage device between said storage device and the storage managing server, and

said second processing with respect to the second request from said storage managing terminal is started in accordance with said first processing with respect to the first request from said storage managing terminal before said storage managing server makes the response to said storage managing terminal.

12. (currently amended) The storage managing system according to claim 11, wherein said first request is a login request, and said first processing ~~is~~ includes the ~~download~~ downloading of a manager program for operating the constructional information of said storage device.